

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. THOMSON submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Joseph, praying an increase of pension, beg leave to report:*

That it appears from the official records that the petitioner, then attached to the United States ship Congress, "was wounded severely in a sharp skirmish with the Mexicans on shore, about four or five miles from Mazatlan, during the night of the 19th November, 1847," in consequence of which his left fore-arm was amputated the next day.

He is now in the receipt of six dollars per month, which is the highest rate of pension allowed to a seaman for total disability. He now asks that his stipend be increased to twenty dollars per month.

The loss of his arm might be evidence of a just claim upon the part of the petitioner, yet in the absence of a change in the general law, this case cannot be distinguished from others equally meritorious.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

